

APPENDIX A CONSULTATION LETTERS

This appendix includes consultation/approval letters between the U.S. Department of Energy and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service regarding threatened and endangered species, and between other state and Federal agencies as needed.



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June 15, 2000

Mr. Roy Spears
National Energy Technology Laboratory
U.S. Department of Energy
3610 Collins Ferry Road
Morgantown, West Virginia 26507-0880

Subject: Notice of Intent to Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Kentucky Pioneer Integrated Gasification Combined Cycle Demonstration Project, Clark County, Kentucky.

Dear Mr. Spears:

Fish and Wildlife Service personnel have reviewed the subject notice. Please consider the following comments during preparation of the EIS.

Our endangered species database contains a record of running buffalo clover (*Trifolium stoloniferum*) at a location approximately 11 miles from the proposed project site. This federally listed (endangered) species may occur within the project boundary. We recommend that you evaluate the potential for impact to the species and report your findings to this office. A finding of "may affect" would likely result in a need to coordinate further to develop protection measures.

Construction or operation of the facility could cause negative impacts to wetlands or streams. Further, withdrawal of water from the Kentucky River could result in significant aquatic impacts. The Kentucky River is an important fishery and contains several mussel beds downstream of the proposed project. Because a map of the proposed project location was not included with the subject notice, we were unable to screen for wetland and stream impacts. We recommend that potential impacts to wetlands and aquatic resources be examined in detail.

Thank you for this opportunity to review the scoping notice. Please contact David Pelren of my staff at 931/528-6481 (ext. 204) or by e-mail at david_pelren@fws.gov if you have questions concerning these comments.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Lee Barclay", is positioned above the printed name.

Lee A. Barclay, Ph.D.
Field Supervisor



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July 25, 2000

Mr. Chuck Pergler
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Tetra Tech, Inc.
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Los Alamos, New Mexico 87544

Dear Mr. Pergler:

Thank you for your letter, dated June 21, 2000, regarding the preparation of an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the proposed Kentucky Pioneer Integrated Gasification Combined Cycle Demonstration Project in Clark County, Kentucky. U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) personnel have reviewed the information submitted and offer the following comments.

Endangered species collection records available to the Service do not indicate that federally listed or proposed endangered or threatened species occur within the impact area of the project. We note, however, that collection records available to the Service may not be all-inclusive. Our data base is a compilation of collection records made available by various individuals and resource agencies. This information is seldom based on comprehensive surveys of all potential habitat and thus does not necessarily provide conclusive evidence that protected species are present or absent at a specific locality.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment. If you have any questions, please contact Steve Alexander of my staff at 931/528-6481, ext. 210, or via e-mail at steven_alexander@fws.gov.

Sincerely,

Lee A. Barclay, Ph.D.
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